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HOUSE RESOLUTION 106
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A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Harold Smith for his
remarkable artistic accomplishments.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those
citizens who through their extraordinary talent and steadfast efforts have distinguished
themselves in their respective fields; and

WHEREAS, Harold Smith is most assuredly one such outstanding Tennessean who is
richly deserving of this body's praise; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Bell Buckle, Mr. Smith is a Master Highlight Artist for the
renowned artist, Thomas Kinkade; the only highlight artist in Tennessee, Mr. Smith is one of just
twenty-eight highlight artists in the country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kinkade, a "painter of light," is a romantic landscape artist; his work,
published through Lighthouse Publishing and Media Art Groups, carries a message of hope and
faith that uplifts the spirit; and

WHEREAS, Master Highlight Artists add their own touches to prints of Thomas
Kinkade's work; admirers of Mr. Kinkade bring a canvas print of his work to various galleries

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throughout the country; there, Master Highlight Artists talk to the patrons about Thomas Kinkade as they add dimension and additional color to the print; the contributions by the highlight artist increase the value of the canvas print; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished artist in his own right, Harold Smith, after an initial phone interview, was one of a select few invited to visit Mr. Kinkade's school; one of only three artists chosen to attend the school, he ably earned the designation of Master Highlighter; and

WHEREAS, All of his accomplishments aside, Mr. Smith is most grateful for the love and companionship of his wife, Pat, who serves as Registrar at the Webb School; and

WHEREAS, At the age of sixty-five, Harold Smith serves with distinction as an afternoon pressman in Nashville; in the morning he paints in his studio or works in the frame shop he and his wife operate; and

WHEREAS, In addition to painting, Mr. Smith enjoys tending the gardens he has so carefully designed; he especially takes pleasure in the quiet charm of his koi and goldfish ponds; and

WHEREAS, At present, Harold Smith has five shows scheduled for the next few months; his knowledge of Kinkade's work, his own individual artistry, and his enthusiasm are sure to delight all who attend; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Kinkade has said, "My mission as an artist is to create little glimpses of a world that is tranquil, peaceful and full of the beauty of God's creation"; and

WHEREAS, Harold Smith, in his work with Mr. Kinkade, and in his own artistic endeavors, has made the world a more joyous and beautiful place; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith epitomizes the spirit and commitment of a true Tennessean; his pursuit of excellence in all his endeavors is clearly deserving of the respect and admiration of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor

Harold Smith for his exemplary work as a Master Highlight Artist, commend his artistry and spirit, and extend to him our heartfelt best wishes for every continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.